

Missouri Doings

CLAIMED TO BE CONVICTS.

Two Men Coolly Robbed Farmer After Eating His Dinner.

Marcelline, Mo.: Saturday at noon two young men stopped at the farm residence of Jacob Rensmier at the north city limits of Marcelline and asked for something to eat. They were invited to come in, and consumed a great deal of time eating.

The farmer at last informed his guests that he must get back to his work, when one of them drew a revolver, and the other, holding the plate, ordered Rensmier to remain in the room.

After eating, the strangers asked for the oil can of the sewing machine, and when it was brought drew two more revolvers from their pockets, and leisurely cleaned and oiled the three weapons, keeping one at all times loaded and ready for use.

After completing this work they informed Mr. Rensmier that they were escaped convicts from the California Penitentiary, and that they were Federal prisoners trying to reach their homes.

Then they apologized for their action, and at the point of a revolver demanded that the money and jewelry about the place be brought out. Mr. Rensmier handed over his watch and \$14 in money.

The watch was returned to him when the robbers found the owner's name engraved on the inner case. They then picked up a fountain pen lying on the table, bade Mr. and Mrs. Rensmier goodbye and departed.

Saturday night the two men were arrested at Bucklin, in a hotel office, when one of them was coolly writing a letter with the stolen pen, not more than four miles from the scene of the robbery. All the money, except 70 cents, which they had paid the landlord of the hotel for their supper, was recovered.

PACKER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Former Prosperous Kansas City Man Shoots Himself.

Kansas City, Mo.: Left penniless in his old age, after a loss of \$50,000 in the June flood, discouraged and despondent, Henry Mockley, proprietor of the Riverside packing house, committed suicide Sunday by sending a bullet through his brain.

The packer was 64 years old and had lived in Kansas City for 20 years, building up a business from small beginnings. When the flood came the foundation of his plant was washed out and the building was left in ruins. About three weeks after the waters subsided the remainder of the building caught fire by reason of spontaneous combustion in the mineral cotton that was used in the meat coolers in the basement.

Mockley himself had a narrow escape from being burned to death. The fire left him penniless, and, although his credit was still good, he felt himself too old to make a new start and he killed himself. He leaves a grown son.

Romance in Courtroom.

Hannibal, Mo.: The engagement of Miss Nellie Cook of Quincy, Ill., and Mr. Eugene W. Nelson of Hannibal, prosecuting attorney of Marion County, which is announced, reveals an interesting romance. The couple first met in the courtroom of Justice J. T. Lord of this city, where Miss Cook filed a complaint against a negro, whom she had entrusted to carry a dress-suit case from the depot, but who stole \$7 out of the grip while he had it in his possession. The warrant was issued and the arrest of the negro was made. In the trial of the case Mr. Nelson conducted the prosecution, and, securing a conviction, had the man sent to the County Jail. The trial brought on an acquaintance, which grew into friendship and later ripened into mutual admiration, culminating in the engagement. The wedding of Miss Cook and Mr. Nelson will occur in the fall.

Grand Jury Takes Recess.

Jefferson City, Mo.: Only two witnesses were examined by the Cole County Grand Jury Saturday, after which a recess was taken until October 13, when the investigation of the legislative corruption will be resumed. The inquirers feel that they have done a week's work which will count for results, and, at the next session, they expect to find a number of indictments against various legislators. As predicted, no report was made by the Grand Jury. The indictments probably will be returned at the end of the October session. Judge Hazell and all of the officers connected with the investigation feel elated over this week's work, and expect to have sensational developments when the final report is made.

Laclede County Teachers' Election.
Lebanon, Mo.: The Laclede County Annual Teachers' Institute, the first held under the new law, closed a three days' session here Saturday. Prof. F. W. Folger, superintendent of the Lebanon schools, was elected president and Miss Gean Mustard secretary.

Colonists From West Virginia.
Houston, Mo.: Colonists from West Virginia numbering about 100 arrived here last week and will locate probably in the vicinity of Yukon post office.

Dental Examiner Appointed.
Jefferson City, Mo.: Governor Dockory has announced the appointment of Dr. Ernest P. Dameron of St. Louis to be a member of the State Board of Dental Examiners, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Burton L. Thorpe.

Alleged Swindler Arrested.
Holden, Mo.: G. W. Hill, a stranger, was arrested here Saturday charged with swindling Gordon Batesell and Brad Hamilton, druggists, by the worthless check scheme.

ARREST ALLEGED FORGER.

Holden, Mo., Authorities Charge Buzzard With Preying Upon Banks.

Harrisonville, Mo.: Sheriff Hughes of this county arrested at Holden, Mo., Saturday a man whose name is supposed to be S. Buzzard of Davies County, Mo., and who is wanted here to answer to a charge of forgery.

The stranger went into a bank in this city Thursday of last week, it is alleged, and represented himself to be George W. Hill, Jr., vice president of the Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Jamesport, Mo. He said he wanted to make a draft for \$2,000 on his bank, but wanted to leave it for collection, it is said.

The bank took the draft on those terms, giving him a collection receipt for it. He exhibited that receipt to several stores Thursday night and succeeded in cashing several checks to the amount of \$45. The bank declined to pay the checks on presentation, the Jamesport bank having wired that the draft was a forgery.

Buzzard disappeared, going from here to Holden, Mo., where, it is said, he made a check for \$2,000 on the Harrisonville bank. Telephone inquiry resulted, and the Holden authorities held Buzzard until the arrival of Sheriff Hughes.

Buzzard is said to be wanted at Jamesport also on similar charges.

TROLLEY LINE ACROSS STATE.

Interest in Central Missouri Project Is Revived.

Columbia, Mo.: The Central Missouri Electric Railroad, projected to run through several Central Missouri counties and connect the two cities of St. Louis and Kansas City with an electric line, is again attracting attention, and the promoters say work will begin on it in four or five weeks.

The Central Missouri Electric Railway Company was formed a year ago by business men in Central Missouri towns and the route has been surveyed. Practically all the right of way along the line was secured six months ago, when it was announced that the promoters of the road found it necessary to postpone further developments because of a lack of funds.

Negotiations were opened with New York capitalists, and it is said arrangements have been made to finance the road. It has lately developed that a number of the capitalists who were interested in the road have been buying farm property along the proposed line.

Will Exhibit Old Chair.

Sedalia, Mo.: Arthur English of Warsaw proposes to exhibit at the World's Fair a chair 261 years old, now in possession of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. English. It is a hickory rocking chair, made by James Bennett, a great-grandfather of Mrs. English, in Virginia, in the year 1642. The chair is in fairly good condition, except the seat, and is of such workmanship as would awaken the enthusiasm of the lovers of the antique. The chair has been in the Bennett and English families almost three centuries, and its history has been made a part of the family records.

Missourians Fight Duel.

Iron Mountain, Mo.: A pistol duel occurred in this place Sunday evening between Frank Harris of Doe Run and James Stout of Iron Mountain. Harris, who called at the Stout home, expecting to find the latter absent, was attacked as he entered the gate. He drew a revolver and shot Stout in the neck. Stout then secured a shotgun, and as Harris was retreating fired. Both men are in a serious condition and may die. It is alleged Harris was unduly attentive to Stout's wife.

Cass County Fair a Success.

Harrisonville, Mo.: The seventh meeting of the Cass County Fair Association closed here Saturday. It was the most successful meeting in the history of the association. The exhibits in every department were the best ever shown and the attendance larger. It is estimated that 20,000 tickets were sold.

Special Venire Is Ordered.

Bloomfield, Mo.: Judge J. L. Fort has ordered a special venire of 75 men, from which will be selected a jury to try W. Combs and the Nyden boys, who have been in the St. Louis Jail for safe-keeping, on a charge of assault upon a little girl in this county.

Bumper Nut Crop in Missouri.

Columbia, Mo.: Missouri is going to break another record this year with a bumper nut crop. Reports received here are that the hickory trees are loaded, and even the hazel bushes along the roadside are fairly covered with nuts.

Missouri Mule Comes High.

Columbia, Mo.: What is supposed to be the highest-priced 2-year-old mule ever purchased on the street of Fulton was bought Saturday by Reuben Shrock from Kem Stucker for \$225. Some time ago Mr. Stucker bought the mule for \$185.

New Bank at O'Fallon.

O'Fallon, Mo.: A ten-thousand dollar bank was organized here last week, with the following officers: M. F. Dunlap, president; John Orf, vice president; W. C. Barron, cashier.

New Haven Election.

New Haven, Mo.: At a special election held in this city last week to elect a Collector to fill the unexpired term of John F. Hamilton, resigned, William Beckmann was elected, defeating his opponent, W. A. Bridges, by one vote. A light vote was polled.

Body Found Beside Track.

Sturgeon, Mo.: The dead body of D. W. Dillon, a prominent stockman living near Wellsville, was found near the Wabash track between Sturgeon and Clark last week.

LONG SUFFERING OF "UNHAPPY CARLOTTA" WILL SOON BE ENDED



Carlotta, the wife of Maximilian, the Austrian Archduke who conquered Mexico, has been insane since Napoleon III refused her pleas that he aid her husband, who was finally captured and shot. She is now dying.

"POOR CARLOTTA" IS DYING.

Unfortunate Widow of Maximilian Can Not Live Many Days.

Calling for her dead husband Carlotta, widow of Maximilian, once emperor of Mexico, is dying in her prison, the Chateau de Bonchat, near Brussels.

She still holds a mock court daily, fancying herself yet Empress of Mexico, for she has been bereft of reason for thirty-seven years. To humor her the attendants pretend that she presides over their entertainments.

Carlotta was seventeen when she became Maximilian's bride in 1857. It was a love match and the ten years of their wedded life were a continuous honeymoon. But Maximilian was overthrown, captured, led out behind a hill at daybreak and shot by the "execution guard."

Before the capture of the Emperor the Empress pleaded with Napoleon III and with the Pope to aid her husband. Her prayers were unanswered. The first symptoms of mental derangement were manifested on the day on which she had her last interview with Napoleon.

Her mania is harmless, and by humoring her belief that she is still empress and in a palace in Mexico, her attendants find her easy to manage.

With the limited funds allowed her by her family she has always found much fault, because "the palace," as she styled the castle that is really her prison, was not kept up in better style.

King Leopold seldom sees her. It is a public scandal that he dissipated her fortune.

The most pathetic feature of Empress Carlotta's fate is her hallucination that her husband is alive. She talks of him frequently, and often begs courtiers to send her husband to her at once.

"Why does he stay away from me so long?" she asks pitifully.

Christian University for China.

Lawrence Thurston, who has been sent to China to found the proposed Christian university to be established by the missionary society of Yale University, is but 28 years of age. He will locate the new institution at some important city. Sons of prominent Chinamen will be secured as students, with the hope that their conversion may have a wide influence. The proposed university will have a four years' course and a postgraduate school of journalism. Mr. Thurston was born in Connecticut and was graduated from Yale in 1898. Twelve other members of his class have become foreign missionaries.

City Executive a Yale Student.

Charles Henry Leeds, mayor of Stamford, Conn., will be among the political science in a three-year course. Mr. Leeds will not resign as students of Yale university when that institution reopens this fall. He will devote himself to the study of mayor, to which position he was elected last November by a large majority. His friends are planning to make him democratic candidate for governor next spring. The mayor graduated from Princeton in 1895 and is only thirty years of age.

Old Guard to Retire.

"Shotgun Dick" Bullock, the old-time "gold guard," who has guarded \$300,000,000 of gold from the Black Hills to civilization during the last twenty-five years without the loss of an ounce of "dust," is soon to retire from the business and will be pensioned by the Adams Express Company, whose treasury cars he has guarded most of the years since the Black Hills became a gold-producing country.

Author May Be Alderman.

Richard Watson Gilder, editor of the Century Magazine, has been asked to run for alderman in New York on the fusion ticket, and may do so. George Haven Putnam, publisher, has signified his willingness to run for alderman on the same ticket.

Strange Reason for Suicide.

David Lake of Harrison, Ohio, attempted suicide the other day. When asked for the reason for his act he stated that his relatives proposed taking him to Cincinnati to live, and sooner than reside in that city he preferred to die.

LEAVE THE FEUD DISTRICT.

Famous Hatfield Family to Live in the West.

The Hatfields, famous in Kentucky and West Virginia for their feud with the McCoy's, have deserted the old battleground and gone to the far west. About fifty strong, they have bought land near Chehalis, Wash., where they will settle. It is nearly half a century since the feud began between these two families. Ever since then the trouble has been more or less of a terror in the mountain border land of Kentucky and West Virginia, scores of lives having been wiped out on each side. For some time there has been comparative peace. The present exodus is due to the influence of friends who have already colonized in the northwest.

The Changes of Time.

Bishop Potter tells of a New York clergyman whose views when he took his present charge were far in advance of those about him. By a young man who was thoroughly imbued with these advanced notions, was called in to assist him. Said the young man one day: "Doctor, I have always been told that you were a high churchman, but I don't think you are high church at all." The elder preacher replied: "My dear young brother, when I first took up my residence in New York I lived 'way up town. Now I live 'way downtown and yet I have been living in exactly the same house all the time."

Orders Coat of Tiger Skin.

Miss Anna Morgan, daughter of J. P. Morgan, whose prowess in the hunting field has been much written about, allows her fondness for wild animals to color her taste in dress. She has just given an order to a New York furrier for a coat of tiger skin. The astonished tradesman protested that while rugs of the striped skin were undoubtedly beautiful, no garment of the fur had ever been made or worn in New York. The young woman replied that this was a matter of no consequence to her and next winter she will astonish her friends with the novel costume.

Popular Italian Professor Dead.

Prof. Francesco Peper, dean of the law faculty at the University of Naples, whose death, at the age of 80, was recently announced, had been connected with that university fifty-four years. He was the idol of the students, although those who came from other parts of Italy sometimes found it difficult to follow his lectures, because when he became very much interested in his subject he spoke in broadest Neapolitan dialect.

Indictment of "Fast Set."

Bronson Howard, the dramatist, indignantly denies that New York women, outside of the "409," are addicted to drink, but declares that those of what has come to be known as "the fast set" indulge to a deplorable extent. Such women, however, are in his opinion ignored by refined persons. Mr. Howard says that stories are heard daily in New York of women who become more or less intoxicated at dinners and other functions.

Veteran Trainer and Driver.

Charles Taylor, the oldest trainer and driver of trotting horses in the country, is nearly 97 years old, but is still hearty. He lives at White River Junction, Mass., where he keeps busy looking after horses on a farm. This is the first year since his boyhood that he has been off the track. Taylor was born in Canada in 1806, but has lived nearly all his life in the United States.

Plans Enormous Art School.

Alfred Gilbert, the English sculptor, has undertaken an art school of unusual magnitude at Brugge. He has hired an enormous dilapidated factory which yields, besides great studios, living accommodations for 300 pupils. He purposes doing all his work in the presence of his classes.

Vermont Village in Luck.

The will of Silas L. Griffith of Danby, the Vermont lumber king, which has been probated at Rutland, makes bequests of more than \$100,000 for the improvement of the little village of Danby, where Mr. Griffith spent his entire life.

HUMOR OF THE DAY

Taken Literally.

"The beauty of this great and glorious republic," said the native, proudly, "is that any boy born here may become President."

"Fawney!" exclaimed the Britisher. "I was under the impression that the President had to be at least 40 years of age, don't y' know?"

In Society.

Tess—Miss Nuritch talks so much about her mother's social position before she was married.

Jess—Well?

Tess—Did she really have any position in society?

Jess—Oh, lots of them. She never accepted a place as cook except in very swell families.

Nerve.

Lazy Larry—Say, lady, I'm that hungry I don't know what ter do. I ain't had nothin'.

Mrs. Housekeep (at her front door)—Walk around to the kitchen, poor man, and you shall be fed.

Lazy Larry—Aw, that's a purty long walk, lady; couldn't yer hand it out here just as well?

An Exception.



Mrs. Casey—Yes, an' I think it's a good husband he'll make her, too. Ye can always tell what's in a man from the look on his eye.

Mrs. Kelly—Maybe, Ellen, maybe. But many's the time I've seen the tears rise in Denny's when it wasn't salt water he'd been drinkin'.

Attractive.

"Then you've been to Niagara?"

"Yes. I was quietly married last Tuesday week, and the next day reached Niagara. Soon as we got there I started out to see the Falls with my wife."

"Magnificent, eh?"

"You bet. You should have seen all the other men turning around to look at her as we passed."

And Not Over Here.

"I think you must be mistaken, sir," the old man chipped in.

"What about?" demanded his neighbor in the crowd.

"Didn't I just hear you remark you were glad the war in Bulgaria was over?"

"Not exactly. I said I was glad it was over in Bulgaria."

Summer Thought.

"This heat is enough to drive a man to suicide."

"If he's a fool."

"I'm not so sure."

"Well, a good man won't kill himself anyway, and a man who isn't good certainly would be foolish to kill himself to escape the heat."—Detroit Free Press.

Cheerfully Contributed.

"Say," whispered the stranger in church, "what's this collection for?"

"This offering," replied the man with the collection plate, "is for foreign missions."

"That's all right, then," said the stranger, producing a dollar; "I was going to say if it's for the choir it ain't worth it."

A Seaside Problem.



"Ought I to Wait?"

"The summer resort band."

"That band leader is very obliging and considerate."

"Haden't observed it," answered the crusty citizen.

"Why, he plays everything that anybody requests."

"Yes. And if you ask him not to play something he takes encores on it."

Best Kind of Proof.

"Here!" exclaimed the irate customer to the trunk dealer, "I thought you said that chest I bought of you was mothproof."

"Well, said the dealer, "wasn't it?"

"No! When I opened it my things were full of moths!"

"Great Scott, man! What better proof of 'em do you want?"

RUTH BRYAN'S ENGAGEMENT TO WILLIAM H. LEAVITT ANNOUNCED



Miss Ruth Bryan's engagement to Wm. H. Leavitt has been formally announced.

FINDS AND KILLS TARANTULA.

Venomous Insect Had Terrorized Family for Six Months.

An ugly, venomous tarantula from the tropics was dispatched at the home of William Zink, in Gloucester City, after it had terrorized the family for six months, says a Philadelphia dispatch. Zink was a former fruit dealer, and one day half a year ago, while he was handling a bunch of bananas, the huge spider hopped out and stretched itself. Zink and members of his family searched for the insect for some time, without avail, and then concluded that it had escaped. Not long after, however, the tarantula was discovered in the house, and again chase was given it, but once more it escaped by hiding.

At intervals ever since the tarantula had been seen at various places through the dwelling, but in every instance it managed to elude its pursuers. It soon got to be a reign of terror in the house, and the inmates shivered at the slightest sound.

Just as he and his wife were arising this morning Zink once more caught sight of the tarantula as it clung to a picture frame in his bedroom.

"Ha!" cried Zink. "I have you at last," and he leaped wildly toward the ceiling.

The huge insect dropped behind the picture frame and mysteriously disappeared. Sure that he was on the trail, Zink determined to rid the house of the creature, and continued the search.

Finally, after two hours of unceasing scrutiny, he came upon the tarantula crouched in a crevice in the wall, where it may have hidden all these months. After a terrible battle Zink killed it and proudly exhibits the hairy body at his home. It measured over five inches across its legs.

Is Opposed to Consolidation.

Rev. Dr. David G. Downey of Brooklyn is leading the New York conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in a fight against the proposed consolidation of the Methodist Episcopal churches in this country. The plan contemplates a combine of the several publishing houses, the capital stock to be from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000, and the establishment to be located at some point in the middle west. Dr. Downey thinks this savors too much of trust methods and evidences that the interests of the church are becoming more material than spiritual. He declares that "against this tone of materialism I wish to enter an emphatic protest."

Plans Cathedral for Denver.

Undaunted by the difficulty which Bishop Potter of New York is having in getting money to carry on construction of the great cathedral there, Bishop Olmsted of the Colorado Episcopal diocese is planning a similarly notable structure in Denver. It will be begun in November next and his plan is that only a small portion that can be used by now erected and additions made in subsequent years. His idea is similar to that of Bishop Potter and Bishop Doane of Albany to erect a building which it may take 150 years to complete, not to be a parish church, but a center of congregation for the whole diocese.

President's Cousin Wins Lawsuit.

J. Emmet Roosevelt, cousin to the president, has gained a victory over the commissioners of highway of Oyster Bay, in their fight to compel him to do away with the pier erected for his own and the president's accommodation. The matter was decided by Justice Herrick, when he handed down a decision continuing the injunction restraining the highway commissioners from interfering with the dock. The decision will remain in force until the case is reached on the trial of the issue.

Establishing Alaskan Missions.

Bishop T. P. Rowe of the Episcopal church for the diocese of Alaska, is now on the Yukon river visiting and establishing new missions. The bishop will remain on Seward peninsula during the coming winter, traveling from place to place in a dog team. He will be accompanied during his long stay by Mr. Chisholm, a divinity student. Nome will probably be the prelate's headquarters for the next few months.

W. K. Vanderbilt's Pun.

There is a punster in the Vanderbilt family. A day or two ago William K. Jr., dashed out of the Grand Central station in New York, though a pouring rain, into an institution of which he is a director. "Great Jupiter Pluvius," he exclaimed, "this is a deluge. Over there at the station even the locomotives came in raining wet."

Position for Educated Negro.

George W. Crawford, the negro who was graduated from Yale last June and won the Townsend oration prize, has been appointed a clerk in the probate court at New Haven, Conn.

Sanitarium for Consumptives.

Pietro Cartoni has given \$200,000 to found a sanitarium for tuberculosis patients at Rome in memory of his two sons, who died of tuberculosis.

CLAIRVOYANTS IN A TRUST.

Seers to Combine to Investigate Stock Market.

The clairvoyants of New York have formed a trust, or what serves the purpose of such an organization, even if it does not deserve to be called by that name. Unlike the Chinese laundry trust, its object is not to fix prices. The trust of the seers has another purpose. All of the members are notified by the head officer that certain stocks are to be recommended to clients seeking enlightenment as to the best means of investing their money. Sometimes several companies are on the list.

Daily reports are made by the president to the members as to what the nature of their advice should be. Of course, this combination does not work only for the benefit of the companies. The clairvoyants get their rakoff. But, naturally, they do not profit so much as the companies, one of which made \$60,000 last year through this branch of its business.

RUTH BRYAN TO WED SOON.

Engagement Ends Plans to Join Hull House Workers.

Ruth Bryan, the eldest daughter of William Jennings Bryan, has abandoned her plan to join Miss Jane Addams in social settlement work at Hull House, Chicago, since she has decided to wed William H. Leavitt, an artist, whose home is in Newport, R. I. Announcement of her engagement was made at a house party of the University of Nebraska chapter of the Delta Gamma sorority. The wedding will take place in October at the Bryan home in Lincoln, Neb.

Miss Bryan met Mr. Leavitt while the latter was in Lincoln several months ago, pointing a full-sized likeness of Mr. Bryan. They were seen frequently during Mr. Leavitt's stay in the Nebraska city.

Miss Bryan is tall, stately, and a favorite in her social circle.

MRS. MAYBRICK'S VAST WEALTH.

Impressed Woman the Heiress to Fortune of \$7,000,000.

According to the statement of her lawyer, Daniel S. Decker, Mrs. Florence Maybrick, when she comes out of prison in England, will be heir to about \$7,000,000.

While her mother, the Baroness de Roques, lives, Mrs. Maybrick will be dependent upon her bounty, as this estate must be held together, but on her death it will become the property outright of Mrs. Maybrick.

"We have already recovered a good

